foreigners and NRIs as consultant and employees in Indian Companies are applicable to Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The condition of residence for NRIs appointed as Managing Directors has been relaxed for companies in Special Economic Zones through an amendment *vide* Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 670(E) dated 30.9.2002 to the effect that a person, being a non-resident in India shall enter India only after obtaining a proper employment visa from the concerned Indian Mission abroad. Further *vide* notification No. G.S.R. 565 dated 14.8.2002 the limit of managerial remuneration for companies in SEZs has been enhanced to Rs. 20,00,000 per month.

(d) There are 639 units operating in the SEZ and their annual turnover (2001-2002) was Rs. 9189.55 crores. The units set up in the SEZ are in the private sector and no Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) is functioning in the SEZs. The details regarding pay and perks of employees including foreigners/NRIs are personal in nature, and as such, are not shared by the SEZ units. No such data is, therefore, maintained by the SEZs.

Export of blood serum

2501. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blood serum is being exported from India;

(b) if so, the names of companies which have been permitted;

(c) whether the export is for the purpose of research; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken to ensure that the benefits of the research done on our own species is not lost out?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export of Blood Sera is permitted for diagnosis, research and for use in diagnostic kits against licence issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

M/s. Fairdeal Diagnostic Co., Surat and M/s. Span Diagnostics

Limited, Surat have been exporting HIV, HBs Ag, HCB positive Sera and Blood Grouping Testing Sera.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Health, Government of India has prepared guidelines for transfer of biological material for research purposes. The biological material that is permitted to be exported is for the purposes of research, diagnosis or quality control. These permissions are given after considering issues like type of research, purpose of transfer, confidentiality, intellectual property rights, filing of patents, arrangements for further commercial exploitation, safety, disadvantages to the population, user information and another matter relevant to that particular exchange of material.

Consumption of low-alcohol beverages by younger generation

2502. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of low-alcohol beverages by the younger generation is on the increase;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey on the effect of this trend on their health; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No national survey on consumption of low-alcohol beverages by the younger generation and the health impact of such consumption is available with this Ministry.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above does not arise.

Life insurance scheme for poor families

†2503. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend

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